

Amendments to the Claims:

Please revise the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A furniture component comprising:
 - a base element comprising an enlarged edge portion;
 - a first securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, and a first channel therebetween, wherein the enlarged edge portion is disposed in the first channel, with the first and second arms on opposite sides of the base element;
 - a fabric piece disposed around at least a portion of the first securing member, where the fabric piece is not disposed between the enlarged edge portion of the base element and the first securing member; and
 - a second securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, and a second channel therebetween, wherein an entirety of the first securing member is releasably disposed within the second channel, with the first arm of the first securing member adjacent the first arm of the second securing member and the second arm of the first securing member adjacent the second arm of the second securing member, with the fabric piece releasably secured between the first arm of the first securing member and the first arm of the second securing member and directly contacting the second securing member.
2. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 1 wherein one of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a ridge, and the other of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a third channel, wherein the ridge is disposed in the third channel.
3. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 2 wherein the first securing member comprises the ridge and the second securing member comprises the third channel.

4. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 3 wherein the first securing member comprises a second ridge, and wherein the second securing member comprises a fourth channel, wherein the second ridge is disposed in the fourth channel.
5. (original) The furniture component of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener securing the first securing member to the enlarged edge portion of the base element.
6. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 5 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a plurality of fasteners engaging the first securing member on opposite sides of the first channel.
7. (original) The furniture component of claim 6 wherein the fasteners are selected from the group consisting of staples, screws, nails, and bonding.
8. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the first securing member further comprises a gripping member defining in part a third channel.
9. (original) The furniture component of claim 8 wherein the gripping member comprises a ridge extending towards the base element.
10. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 8 wherein the gripping member comprises a first gripping member and the second securing member further comprises a second gripping member, the second gripping member engaging the third channel of the first securing member to secure the second securing member to the first securing member.
11. (original) The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the base element forms part of a chair.
12. (original) The furniture component of claim 11 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.

13. (original) The furniture component of claim 12 wherein the backrest comprises a compliant material with a pattern of holes.

14. (currently amended) A furniture component comprising:

a base element comprising an edge portion, wherein a thickness of the edge portion is greater than a thickness of the base element;

a securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, a first channel and a second channel, wherein the edge portion is disposed in the first channel, with the first and second arms on opposite sides of the base element; and

a fabric piece disposed around an outer surface of the securing member and within the second channel, where the fabric piece is not disposed between the base element and the securing member.

15. (original) The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the securing member comprises a first securing member and further comprising a second securing member disposed around the first securing member with the fabric piece secured between the first and second securing members.

16. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the securing member comprises a gripping member, the first arm and the gripping member defining at least in part the second channel.

17. (original) The furniture component of claim 16 wherein the gripping member comprises a ridge extending inwardly towards the first arm.

18. (original) The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the first channel opens in a first direction and the second channel opens in a second direction different from the first direction.

19. (original) The furniture component of claim 14 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.

20. (currently amended) A furniture component comprising:

a base element having a generally rounded edge portion, wherein a thickness of the edge portion is greater than a thickness of the base element;

a securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, an outer surface, and an inner surface defined in part by the first and second arms, the inner surface disposed around an entirety of the edge portion of the base element, wherein the first arm includes an inwardly facing ridge engaging the base element and the first and second arms are disposed on opposite sides of the base element; and

a piece of fabric attached to the outer surface of the securing member, where the fabric is not disposed between the rounded edge portion of the base element and the securing member.

21. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the second arm includes an inwardly facing ridge, and wherein the ridges of the first and second arms engage the base element to secure the securing member thereto.

22. (original) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the securing member comprises a first securing member and further comprising a second securing member disposed around the first securing member with the piece of fabric secured between the first and second securing members.

23. (original) The furniture component of claim 22 wherein the second securing member comprises an inner layer made of a thermoplastic material and an outer layer made of a thermoplastic elastomer material.

24. (original) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the piece of fabric is mechanically attached to the securing member.

25. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the base element comprises an enlarged edge portion, and wherein the ridge of the securing member engages the base element at the enlarged edge portion.

26. (original) The furniture component of claim 25 wherein the securing member comprises a channel, the channel comprising an interior and a mouth, the interior of the channel having a first width and the mouth having a second width, wherein the first width is greater than the second width.

27. (currently amended) The furniture component of claim 26 wherein the second width is smaller than a thickness of the enlarged edge portion.

28. (original) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the securing member comprises a plurality of notches spaced along at least part of the length of the securing member.

29. (original) The furniture component of claim 20 wherein the base element forms part of a chair.

30. (original) The furniture component of claim 29 wherein the base element forms part of a backrest.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (currently amended) A device for attaching a piece of fabric to a furniture component comprising:

a first securing member comprising a first arm, a second arm, and a first channel; and

a second securing member comprising a first arm and a second arm and adapted to removeably fit around an entirety of the first securing member with the first arm of the first securing member adjacent the first arm of the second securing member and the second arm of the first securing member adjacent the

second arm of the second securing member, and to releasably secure a piece of fabric between the first securing member and the second securing member members;

wherein one of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a ridge, and the other of the first securing member and the second securing member comprises a second channel, the second channel adapted to releasably engage the ridge to removeably secure the second securing member around the first securing member.

33. (currently amended) The device of claim 32 wherein the first securing member further comprises a third channel, the third channel adapted to secure the piece of fabric to the first securing member.

34. (previously presented) A method of attaching a piece of fabric to a furniture component comprising:

providing a first securing member comprising a first channel;

providing a furniture component comprising a base element with an enlarged edge, wherein a thickness of the enlarged edge is greater than a thickness of the base element;

disposing the enlarged edge of the furniture component into the first channel;

disposing a piece of fabric around at least a portion of the first securing member, where the fabric is not disposed between the enlarged edge of the base member and the first securing member;

providing a second securing member comprising a second channel; and

disposing the second securing member around the first securing member and thereby securing the piece of fabric therebetween, wherein an entirety of the first securing member is disposed within the second channel.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the first securing member comprises a first ridge and the second securing member comprises a third channel, wherein the disposing the second securing member around the first securing member comprises engaging the third channel with the first ridge.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the first securing member comprises a third channel, wherein the disposing the piece of fabric around at least a portion of the first securing member comprises inserting the piece of fabric into the third channel.

37. (previously presented) A method of attaching a piece of fabric to a chair comprising:

attaching a piece of fabric to a first securing member, the first securing member comprising a channel;

providing a furniture component comprising a base element with an enlarged edge portion, wherein a thickness of the enlarged edge portion is greater than a thickness of the base element;

removeably disposing an entirety of the enlarged edge portion of the chair component into the channel, where the piece of fabric is not disposed between the enlarged edge portion of the chair and the first securing member; and

releasably disposing a second securing member around the first securing member with the piece of fabric secured between the first securing member and the second securing member.

38. (original) The method of claim 37 wherein the attaching the piece of fabric to the first securing member comprises mechanically fastening the piece of fabric to the first securing member.

39. (previously presented) The furniture component of claim 1 wherein the fabric piece directly contacts the first securing member.